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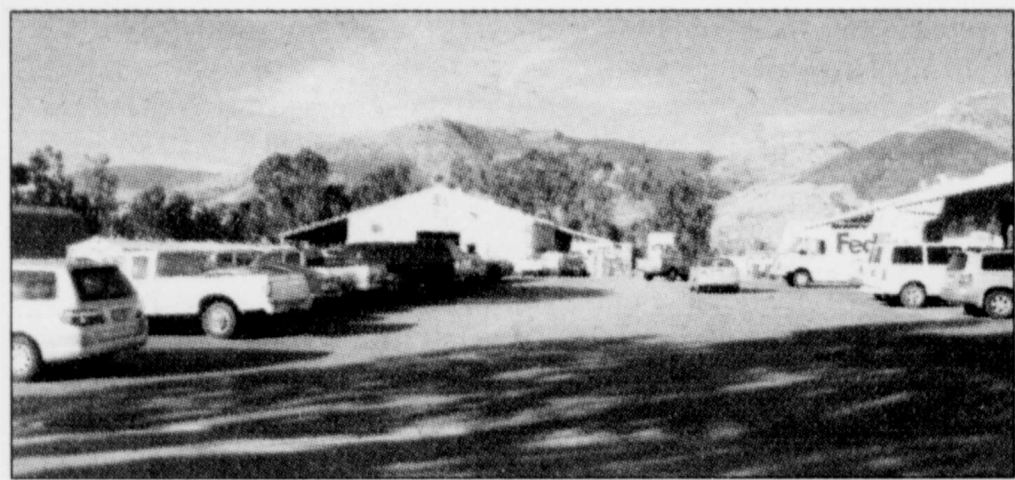


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Cal Poly custodian arrested for attempted murder



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Custodial worker James Reynolds purposely hit a supervising custodian on the morning of Jan. 6. Reynolds was arrested and is in county jail.

Kristen Marshall

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A Cal Poly custodian hit a supervising custodian with his car on the morning of Jan. 6 and remains in jail on suspicion of attempted murder.

James Reynolds, a custodian at Cal Poly for more than 25 years, unsuccessfully attempted to run over his co-worker at about 4 a.m. that day for reasons that were unknown, police said.

The incident took place near the University Police Department building in the H4 parking lot in front of the Facilities Receiving Warehouse, building 70.



James Reynolds

Police said the victim heard Reynolds' car approaching and jumped out of the way, but was still knocked to the ground. The victim then proceeded to get into his own vehicle, followed by Reynolds, until he arrived at the UPD station and reported the matter to the police.

Though Reynolds reportedly turned off his car lights to avoid being seen, UPD officers followed him and caught up to him on Grand Avenue.

UPD Chief Bill Watton referred to the arrest as "very uncomplicated" and added that Reynolds also had a 14-inch machete in his car.

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Obama launches White House bid, says past 6 years imperiled U.S.

Nedra Pickler
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Sen. Barack Obama launched a presidential campaign Tuesday that would make him the first black to occupy the White House, and immediately tried to turn his political inexperience into an asset with voters seeking change.

The freshman Illinois senator — and top contender for the Democratic nomination — said the past six years have left the country in a precarious place and he promoted himself as the standard-bearer for a new kind of politics.

"Our leaders in Washington seem incapable of working together in a practical, commonsense way," Obama said in a video posted on his Web site. "Politics has become so bitter and partisan, so gummed up by money and influence, that we can't tackle the big problems that demand solutions. And that's what we have to change first."

Obama filed paperwork forming a presidential exploratory committee that allows him to raise money and put together a campaign structure. He is expected to announce a full-fledged candidacy on Feb. 10 in Springfield, Ill., where he can tout his experience in the state legislature and tap into the legacy of hometown hero Abraham Lincoln.

Obama's soft-spoken appeal on the stump, his unique background, his opposition to the Iraq war and his fresh face set him apart in a competitive race that also is expected to include front-runner Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York.

Obama has uncommon political talents, drawing adoring crowds even among the studious voters in New Hampshire during a much-hyped visit there last month. His star has risen on the force of his person-



Barack Obama

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Members of the local California Faculty Association protested outside the Administration building on Tuesday afternoon.

Poly faculty protest for higher salaries

Taylor Moore
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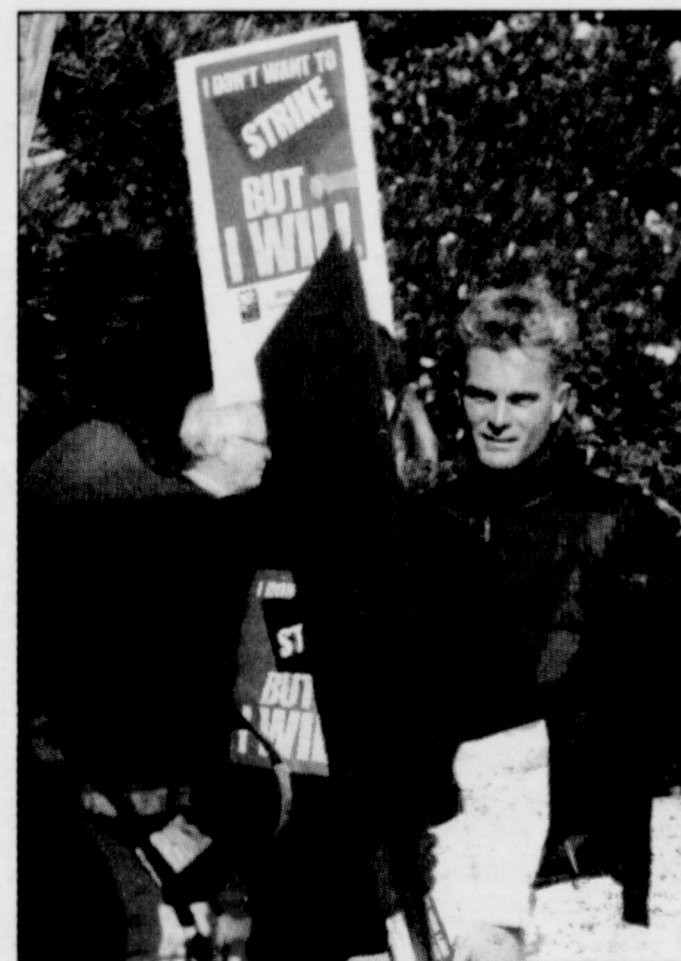
Cal Poly faculty members picketed Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in protest of stalled California Faculty Association meetings regarding contracts with the California State University system.

The CFA is concerned with the lack of resolution between its 23,000 members and the CSU system. Most specifically, the CFA has an issue with the new salary changes.

Cal Poly is just one of the 23 CSU campuses where pickets are taking place this month.

"I believe the picketing is important to build faculty and public aware-

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The association recently failed to reach agreements with the CSU system in December.

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ness of the situation, and to let the administration negotiators know that the faculty are unhappy with what has been offered," said professor Richard Saenz, the president of the CFA's Cal Poly chapter.

A budget request of \$4.5 billion was approved by the California State University Board of Trustees for the 2007-08 fiscal year. The new budget is a \$266.8 million increase from last year's, according to the CSU system. Roughly \$130 million of the prospected budget would go to decreasing the salary gap of CSU employees and faculty.

"The proposed budget requests full funding under the Compact for Higher Education to support an overwhelming demand for enrollment, address CSU employee salaries, and meet ever increasing health benefits and energy costs," CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed said.

The suggested changes in salary appear positive for CSU faculty; however, the CFA is demanding more. The plan presents a 20.75 percent salary increase over the next four years. But of this roughly 21 percent increase, faculty will see only about 10 percent in salary boosts, according to the CFA Web site.

The other part of the increase will not directly affect the salaries because of specific programs, like a merit program, set up by the CSU system.

Among the CFA's concerns is that since 1997, raises for campus presidents have totaled an estimated 49 percent while general salary increases for state campus faculty have totaled 17 percent.

Through negotiation meetings, the CFA is requesting changes to raise salary increases. The CSU system, however, has continued to stand by the original plan stating that there is not enough money to further increase salaries.

"We are disappointed that although the CSU has put a generous salary increase on the table, the CSU and the CFA have not been able to reach agreement on a new contract through the negotiations process," said Jackie R. McClain, CSU vice chancellor for Human Resources.

In their campaign, entitled CSI: CSU (named after the hit TV series) the CFA hopes to invoke public understanding and action into the issue. With this campaign, the CFA introduces their own ideas for increasing salaries and mending the ties between the organization and the CSU system.

Among its suggested plans are "guaranteed service salary increases not funded by reduction of the general salary increase," and a relief of salary compression problems by allowing more senior faculty to rise above the maximum service salary step increases.

Sessions to resolve the issues between the faculty union and the CSU system ended in mid-December without reaching any agreement. Since this standstill, CFA members and supporters have been rallying behind the CSI: CSU program to change the plans offered by the CSU system.

Picketing and rallies have been taking place around the state since early November.

The picketing did not affect Cal Poly classes or student services.

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Watton said the victim wasn't hurt badly and only suffered bruises. The victim wished to remain anonymous and declined to comment.

"It's certainly a scary situation," Watton said. "I've been here five years and I haven't seen anything like this."

Reynolds was arrested on suspicion of attempted murder and possession of a weapon — both felonies — and reckless driving. He was booked at the county jail, where he still remains on a \$500,000 bail. His arraignment was scheduled for the morning of Jan. 16, but Watton said it had been postponed.

Tom Ramler, assistant director for Custodial Services, was not available for comment.

Local briefs

DIABLO CANYON — A fire that broke out on the north end of the Diablo Canyon property on Sunday afternoon was 75 percent contained as of 4 p.m. Tuesday, the California Department of Fire said in a press release.

Though 300 acres were burned on the property that contains the nuclear power plant, the CDF and PG&E expected to have the fire entirely contained sometime today and controlled by Saturday.

Over the next few days, the land will be mopped up and rehabilitated, the press release said.

Thus far, the CDF estimates that about 300 firefighters have lent their support, as well as several federal, state and local government agencies.

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CAL POLY — A memorial for Spencer Wood, who died unexpectedly on July 22, 2006, will be held in the Business Silo, building 3, room 213, on Jan. 20 at 1:30 p.m.

Though two memorial services were held for Wood during the summer, his friend Sarah Arceo said many of his Cal Poly friends could not be there due to timing and location.

Wood was a history senior from Newport Beach and a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

— Compiled by the Mustang Daily staff

Obama

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ality and message of hope — helped along by celebrity endorsements from the likes of Oprah Winfrey, billionaire investor Warren Buffett and actors Matt Damon and Edward Norton.

"I certainly didn't expect to find myself in this position a year ago," said Obama, who added that as he talked to Americans about a possible presidential campaign, "I've been struck by how hungry we all are for a different kind of politics."

The 45-year-old has few accomplishments on the national stage after serving little more than two years in the Senate. But at a time when many voters say they are unhappy with the direction of the country, a lack of experience in the nation's capital may not be a liability.

"The decisions that have been made in Washington these past six years, and the problems that have been ignored, have put our country in a precarious place," Obama said.

He said people are struggling financially, dependence on foreign oil threatens the environment and national security and "we're still

mired in a tragic and costly war that should have never been waged."

Clinton is expected to announce her presidential campaign within days, but her spokesman said there would be no comment on Obama's decision from the Clinton camp. Back from Iraq, she abruptly canceled a Capitol Hill news conference minutes after word of Obama's announcement, citing the unavailability of a New York congressman to participate.

Other Democrats who have announced a campaign or exploratory committee are 2004 vice presidential nominee John Edwards, former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd and Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich. Sens. John Kerry of Massachusetts and Joe Biden of Delaware and New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson also are considering a run.

Obama's decision was relatively low-key after months of hype, with no speech or media appearance to accompany his online announcement. He said he will discuss a presidential campaign with people around the country before his Feb. 10 event, and he wasted no time

calling key activists Tuesday.

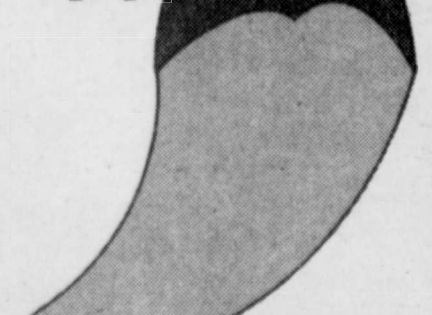
New Hampshire lobbyist Jim Demers talked with Obama for about five minutes. "He is extremely pumped and excited that this campaign is coming together," said Demers, who accompanied Obama on his visit to the state last month.

Obama's quick rise to national prominence began with his keynote speech at the 2004 Democratic National Convention and his election to the Senate that year. He's written two best-selling autobiographies — "The Audacity of Hope: Thoughts on Reclaiming the American Dream" and "Dreams from My Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance."

Obama was born in Honolulu, Hawaii, where his parents met while studying at the University of Hawaii. His father was black and from Kenya; his mother, white and from Wichita, Kan.

Obama's parents divorced when he was two and his father returned to Kenya. His mother later married an Indonesian student and the family moved to Jakarta. Obama returned to Hawaii when he was 10 to live with his maternal grandparents.

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"It's going to piss off the public but it doesn't really matter because Bush doesn't have to get re-elected."

-Andrew Beck
social science
junior



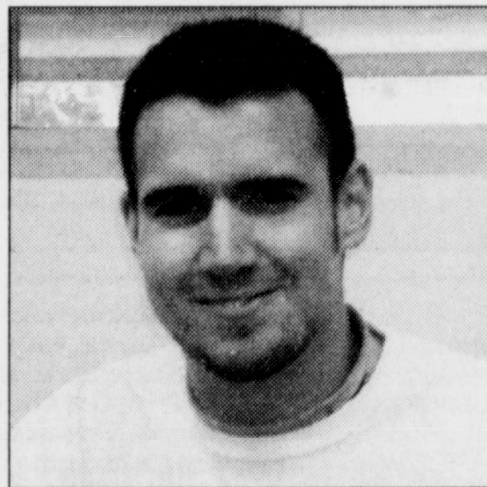
"I agree with it. We can't just leave what we started there now."

-Karlie Saenz
music
sophomore



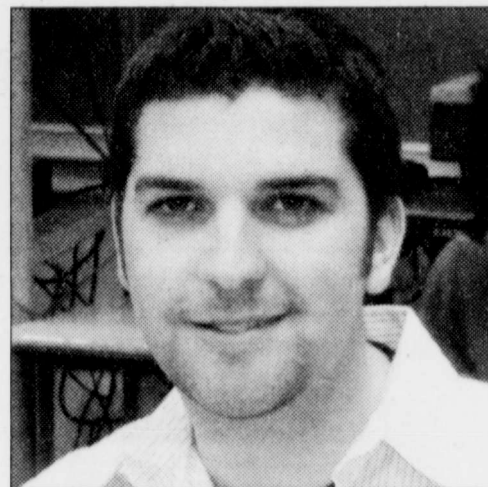
"I put faith in our government. We might not have the most charismatic leaders, but I trust our country."

-Rebecca Hennings
aerospace engineering
freshman



"I'm against it because I don't believe it's a military war anymore. It's based on politics now, and we just need to set up a stable government in Iraq."

-Mike Mullan
recreation administration
sophomore



"I'm against it because it doesn't matter how many troops are over there; it is a war that cannot be won."

-Brian Parino
political science
senior

Winter storm battering Northeast after hammering Midwest; death toll climbs to 46

Ben Dobbin
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Power lines were down, highways were treacherous and spring-like temperatures were only a memory Tuesday in parts of the Northeast in the wake of the storm that earlier had plastered the Midwest and Plains with a heavy shell of ice.

The death toll from the storm was at least 46 in seven states.

The weight of the ice snapped tree limbs, shorted out transformers and made power lines sag, knocking out current to about 145,000 customers in New York state and New Hampshire on Monday, though service had been restored for roughly half of them by Tuesday morning.

"If you live here long enough, you just know the power's going to go out twice a year, at least. You don't worry about it," said Scott Towne, owner of Rondac Pet Services near Saratoga Springs, N.Y., where portable generators provided light and heat for about two-dozen dogs. "You make all the plans in advance that you can."

Scores of schools canceled classes or opened late Tuesday in New Hampshire and upstate New York in the Northeast and Oklahoma and Texas on the southern Plains.

The storm had largely blown out of New England by Tuesday morning, leaving up 10 inches of snow in western Maine.

A wave of arctic air trailed the storm, dropping temperatures into the single digits as far south as Kansas and Missouri. The 7 a.m. temperature Tuesday at Kansas City, Mo., was just 2 degrees, while Bismarck, N.D., had a reading of 16

below zero, with a wind chill of 31 below, the National Weather Service reported.

Cold air also was moving into the East, where temperatures have been far above normal in recent weeks and the ground has been bare of snow. Instead of skiers, the unseasonable weather has drawn out golfers and bicyclists.

Icy roads cut into Martin Luther King Jr. holiday observances from Albany, N.Y., to Austin, Texas, where officials moved Texas Gov. Rick Perry's inauguration indoors Tuesday and canceled the traditional inaugural parade.

More power outages were possible in New Hampshire as wind battered ice-laden branches. "We are restoring some and adding more," Public Service Co. spokeswoman Mary-Jo Boisvert said Tuesday morning. Some New York customers might have to wait until Thursday, the utility National Grid estimated.

In hard-hit Missouri, the utility company Ameren said it would probably not have everyone's lights back on until Wednesday night. As of Tuesday morning, about 215,000 homes and businesses still had no electricity.

The White House said Tuesday that 34 Missouri counties and St. Louis had been declared a major disaster area, making federal funding available. A similar federal disaster declaration was approved Sunday for Oklahoma.

About 100,000 homes and businesses were still waiting for power Tuesday in Oklahoma, some of them waiting since the storm's first wave struck on Friday. Ice built up by sleet and freezing rain was 4 inches thick

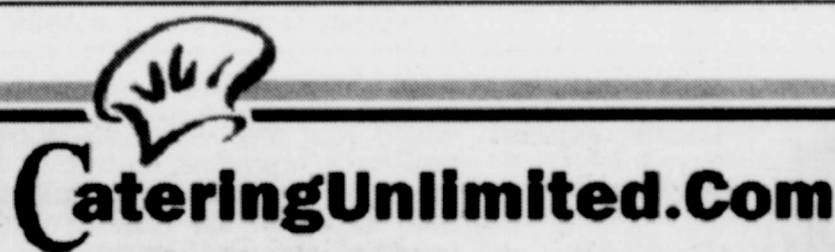
in places. The Army Corps of Engineers assigned soldiers to deliver 100 emergency generators to the McAlester area.

Customers in some rural parts of Oklahoma might have to wait until next week for service, said Stan Whiteford of Public Service Co. of Oklahoma. "There are a lot of places

where virtually everything is destroyed. In some cases, entire electric services will have to be rebuilt," he said.

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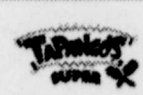
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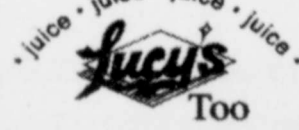
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Bombing at Baghdad university kills 65

The U.N. reported that 34,000 civilians have been killed in Iraq in 2006.

Kim Gamel

ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — An explosion outside a Baghdad university as students were heading home for the day killed at least 65 people on Tuesday in the deadliest of several attacks on predominantly Shiite areas. The attacks — and the announcement of four U.S. military deaths — came on a day the United Nations said more than 34,000 Iraqi civilians died last year in sectarian violence.

Attacks in Baghdad — including the university explosion, blasts at a marketplace for used motorcycles and a drive-by shooting — killed more than 100 people in what appeared to be a final spasm of violence ahead of an imminent drive by the Iraqi government and U.S. forces to secure the capital.

On Monday, the Iraqi government hanged two of Saddam Hussein's henchmen in an execution that left many of the ousted leader's fellow Sunni Muslims seething after one of the accused, the ousted leader's half brother, was decapitated on the gallows.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Tuesday's violence was the work of those seeking revenge for the executions, calling those responsible "a desperate group of terrorists and Saddamists."

The military said four U.S. soldiers with Task Force Lightning were killed Monday in the northwestern province of Ninevah, home to the city of Mosul, which has seen a recent increase in violence. The deaths raised to at least 3,026 members of the U.S. military who have died since the Iraq war started in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

In Baghdad, the deadliest attacks took place in primarily Shiite neighborhoods and appeared to be the work of Sunnis, who largely make up the insurgency targeting the Iraqi government and U.S. forces.

Raad Abbas, a 26-year-old wounded in the attack at the motorcycle market that killed 13, said he went to the market because the city had been quieter over the past two weeks.

"Shortly after midday, I heard an explosion. Motorcycles were flying in the air, people were falling dead and wounded," he said from his hospital bed.

As the curious gathered to look at the aftermath of the first explosion — a bomb attached to a motorcycle — a suicide car bomber drove into the crowd and blew up his vehicle. The attack appeared to target the mainly Shiite neighborhood near the market but also was near the Sheik al-Gailani shrine, one of the holiest Sunni locations in the capital.

The bombing near Al-Mustansiriya University took place as students were boarding minivans waiting outside the building to take them home, police said. Some police said the explosion was caused by a suicide car bomber and others said two of the minivans blew up as students were boarding.

Taqi al-Moussawi, dean of the university — one of Iraq's most prestigious — told state-run al-Iraqiya TV there were two explosions. He said a suicide attacker was later discovered with the apparent aim of targeting students as they fled but the attacker's explosives belt was detonated before students got close to him. He also said the students belonged to all religions, sects and ethnic groups.

"The terrorists want to stop education. ... those students had nothing to do with politics. They only came to the university to learn," he said.

About 45 minutes after the university attack, gunmen in a minivan and on two motorcycles opened fire on an outdoor market in a mainly Shiite neighborhood in nearby section of eastern Baghdad, police said. At least 11 people were killed.

Gianni Magazzeni, the chief of the U.N. Assistance Mission for Iraq in Baghdad, said 34,452 civilians were killed — an average of 94 per day — and 36,685 were wounded last year in sectarian violence.

The Iraqi Health Ministry did not comment on the U.N. report, which was based on information released by the Iraqi government and hospitals. The government has disputed previous figures released by the U.N. as "inaccurate and exaggerated."

Iraqi government figures announced in early January put last year's civilian death toll at 12,357. Magazzeni said the U.N. figures were compiled from information obtained through the Iraqi Health Ministry, hospitals across the country and the Medico-Legal Institute in Baghdad.

According to the U.N. report, women were particularly vulnerable to violence, but it said an accurate female mortality rate was difficult to obtain because female corpses are usually abandoned at the morgue because of fears the family's honor would be damaged. More than 140 of the bodies were unclaimed and buried in Najaf in November and December alone, according to the report.

Bodies of victims of sectarian violence often go unclaimed at the morgue due to security concerns or because the family cannot find them. Agreements are in place to allow unidentified remains to be buried in the Shiite holy city.

The U.N. report also said that 30,842 people were detained in the country as of Dec. 31, including 14,534 in detention facilities run by U.S.-led multinational forces.

It pointed to killings targeting police, who are seen by insurgents as collaborating with the U.S. effort in Iraq. The report said the Interior Ministry had reported on Dec. 24 that 12,000 police officers had been killed since the war started in 2003.

The report also painted a grim picture for other sectors of Iraqi society, saying the violence has disrupted education by forcing schools and universities to close as well as sending professionals fleeing from the country. At least 470,094 people throughout Iraq have been forced to leave their homes since the bombing in Samarra, according to the report.

State

PINOLE (AP) — Four men allegedly stormed a suburban Safeway early Tuesday, holding employees at gunpoint while they robbed the supermarket before escaping, police said.

Witnesses said shots were fired, and broadcast reports said at least one person was injured. Police did not immediately confirm those reports. No customers were in the store at the time of the incident, but several store employees were present, police said.

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A deep freeze that already may have ruined as much as three-quarters of California's citrus crop threatened the few surviving fruits as the region endured a fourth night of icy temperatures.

A large arctic air mass continued hovering over the western states early Tuesday morning, icing up the San Joaquin Valley's billion-dollar orange and lemon crop. Other crops, including avocados and strawberries, also have suffered damage in the cold snap, state agricultural officials said.

"This is one of those freezes that, unfortunately, we'll all remember," California Department of Food and Agriculture Secretary A.G. Kawamura said.

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SANTA CRUZ (AP) — A savvy Labradoodle has one lucky owner.

Firefighters said Bella — a mix of poodle and Labrador retriever — saved the life of her owner Matt Carcerano on Monday, waking him before his Santa Cruz cottage went up in flames.

At 3:30 a.m. Bella woke Carcerano, a 32-year-old welder, with a combination of growling, whimpering and barking.

The floor-to-ceiling wall heater in the 50-year-old, two-room cottage was on fire, and Carcerano rushed out in socks and pajamas just as the entire place went up in flames. All of his belongings were destroyed except for a few photo albums he was able to grab.

Briefs

National

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal appeals court on Tuesday threw out the sentence of a man who was convicted of plotting to bomb Los Angeles International Airport at the turn of the millennium.

Ahmed Ressay was arrested near the U.S.-Canadian border in December 1999 after customs agents found 124 pounds of explosives in the trunk of his car.

Ressay was sentenced to 22 years in prison after being convicted off all nine charges. On Tuesday, the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco reversed his conviction on one of the charges and sent the case back to a lower court to issue a new sentence.

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SHEPHERDSVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Several train cars, including at least one carrying liquid propane gas, derailed and exploded south of Louisville Tuesday, shutting down a nearby highway and forcing evacuations of homes, businesses and a school, authorities said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries from the wreck that occurred about 8:50 a.m. EST, said Kentucky State Police dispatcher Joey Mattingly. The cause was under investigation.

Television footage showed several blazing cars stacked across the rail lines and flaming liquid flowing down ditches from the mangled tanker cars.

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NEW YORK (AP) — Naomi Campbell pleaded guilty to misdemeanor assault Tuesday for hitting her maid with a cell phone over a pair of missing jeans.

"I threw a cell phone in the apartment. The cell phone hit Ana," Campbell told Manhattan Criminal Court Judge Robert Mandelbaum. "This was an accident because I did not intend to hit her."

If convicted at trial, Campbell, who originally had been charged with second-degree felony assault, could have been sentenced to two to seven years in prison.

International

MADRID, Spain (AP) — Fidel Castro has had at least three failed operations and complications from an intestinal infection, and the Cuban leader faces "a very grave prognosis," a Spanish newspaper reported Tuesday.

A Cuban diplomat in Madrid said the reports were lies and declined to comment.

"It's another lie and we are not going to talk about it. If anyone has to talk about Castro's illness, it's Havana," the diplomat said, speaking on condition of anonymity because of official policy.

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BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Sipping broth in a maximum-security Colombian prison wasn't part of the weight-loss plan Vivian Carrasquillo envisioned two years ago when a friend knocked on her New York apartment door with a lucrative offer.

Carrasquillo desperately wanted money for gastrointestinal surgery so she could shed some of her 440 pounds. The friend offered \$20,000 for a roundtrip to Colombia that Carrasquillo, then 18, knew would be risky.

Caught leaving Bogota with nearly 4 1/2 pounds of heroin hidden in her bra, underwear and pants, she earned semi-permanent residence in this land of her grandmother's birth on Dec. 31, 2004.

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KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The top U.S. commander in Afghanistan said Tuesday he wants to extend the combat tours of 1,200 soldiers amid rising violence, and Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he was "strongly inclined" to recommend a troop increase to President Bush if commanders believe it is needed.

Gates also said Pakistan must act to stem an increasing flow of Taliban fighters into Afghanistan as U.S. military officials cited new evidence that the Pakistani military, which has long-standing ties to the Taliban movement, has turned a blind eye to the incursions.

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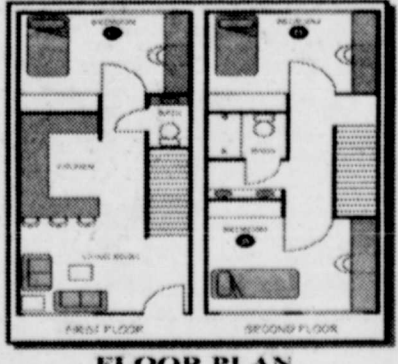
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BOOK OF THE WEEK:



The Glass Castle

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'Glass Castle' exposes another side to the iconic American Dream

"The Glass Castle, by Jeannette Walls, follows a midwestern family through their journeys and travels across the United States during the years their children are growing up. The novel, a memoir, progresses through a series of anecdotes that tell the story of the author's youth. The second out of four children, Walls recalls her murky past in an uncannily delightful way.

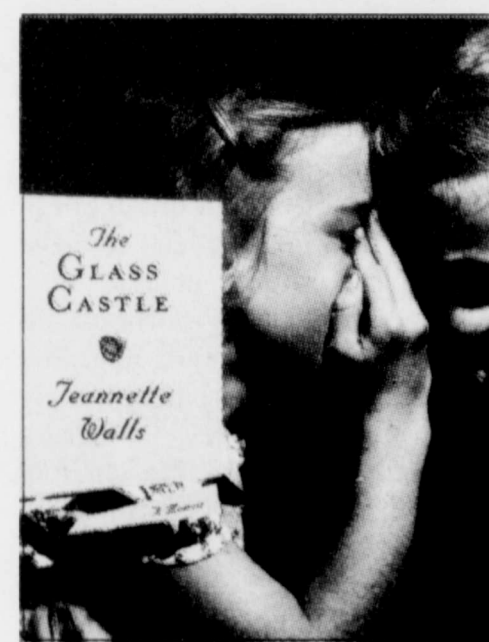
With a set of circumstances such as theirs, the Walls children were forced to become independent at an early age. For starters, there are their parents. Walls' father, Rex, is in many ways both the best and worst thing that happens to her.

On one hand, he is extremely creative, and brings out the inventive side of his middle daughter. An intelligent man, he rarely misses an opportunity to teach his children something about the world, and inspires them to do something great. In fact, the title of the book comes from his dream of building a "glass castle" for his family, even when they were wallowing in extreme poverty.

However, he is also the town drunk. When he drinks, he loses all of his fatherly instincts and brilliance. His alcoholism also interferes with his ability to keep a steady job. Instead of bringing home an income, he brings shame, embarrassment, and much anger to his family. Often disappearing for days or weeks at a time, his children come to learn that they can't

depend on him.

Walls' mother is also emotionally unavailable. Once an aspiring artist, she resents her children because motherhood has forced her ambitions to the backseat, and is constantly reminding the kids of it. Besides being selfishly bitter, she



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is also startlingly impractical. She does little to fill her role as an adult in the home, refusing to work even when money is tight and generally forcing most of the household pressures onto her children. Once, when her son and daughter find a diamond ring in the backyard, that they intend to sell, she decides to keep it, to "boost her self-esteem," instead of using the money to feed her nearly starving family.

Perhaps even more detrimental than their unavailable parents to the Walls children's rocky upbringing is the family's squalid living conditions. Getting by on little to no money proves to be a challenge that the children take on courageously and cleverly. Still, the family never makes it above the poverty level and they suffer because of it. From not having winter coats, to sleeping in cardboard boxes, to being knocked out by the school bully for being poor, the family can never rest easy.

Gratefully, the author doesn't end the story with her family in dire poverty; the horrid circum-

stances described serve only as a starting point for the Walls's family. This book is much more than a pity party. The thread of dreaming of better days is carried through the entire novel, and there are moments of hope throughout. Also, the novel takes an inspirational turn at the end.

"The Glass Castle" is similar to other recent memoirs, in that it outlines a childhood of pain and confusion and the protagonist's subsequent triumph over horrible odds. Where it differs from these sometimes excruciating tomes is in its delivery: Walls doesn't come across as bitter or world-worn as some survivor-authors do. Instead, she looks back at her childhood with a forgiving fondness that causes the reader to enjoy the book, rather than weep through the entire thing.

If the book has a fault, it is its overall simplicity and predictability. Although each chapter has a valuable place in the timeline of Walls' early life, the overall picture seems to lack the depth it could have had. There is no surprising twist, hidden meaning, or insightful ending. After awhile, it seems just like "another good story." However, some might say that its simplicity is actually the book's greatest strength. The objective of the book isn't to surprise its readers, but to inspire them through the author's personal experiences. The readers are encouraged to take from the book what they will; nothing is explicit.

Walls is a strong storyteller and the descriptions of what she overcame as a child are simply amazing. Her detailed settings and characters alone make this a good read. Plus, much of the book is funny. All of the elements of a good story are there. If a reader is looking for an encouraging account of triumph over hardship without the overbearing sadness, The Glass Castle is for him or her.

Buyer's Tip: Don't read the back cover; it gives too much away.

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UU Epicenter displays new photo exhibit of 'Epic' proportions

Hayley Bramble
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"Epic," a new photography exhibit of outdoor images taken by a Cal Poly rock climber, opened Friday in the Associated Students Inc. Epicenter Art Gallery.

The display features a variety of spectacular landscapes from all over California. From vibrant neon sunsets in Mammoth to a snow covered landscape at Mt. Sill, there is something there for everyone to appreciate.

Outdoor enthusiast and microbiology senior Chris Kornblatt is the man behind the photos. The display represents his journeys in California over the past two years.

"Some trips allow me to ponder the complexities of the environment, but this is rare because there is usually a mad dash to 'bag' a peak and return to San Luis Obispo by 6 p.m. on Sunday in hope to finish class work," Kornblatt writes of his weekends away from San Luis Obispo in the description of his exhibit.

A picture taken at Pear Lake in Sequoia National Park stands out from the rest in the exhibit with the jagged outline of a peak reflected perfectly on the glassy lake below. Of the 14-mile hike it took to get that photo, Kornblatt said, "It could be a day trip, if you push yourself."

For the best local hike, Kornblatt says Mt. Valencia in Montana de Oro is the place to go, especially before dawn.

"You hear your breath and you hear the ocean," he said, noting the peaceful quiet of an early morning hike. Then, as the sun comes up, "God turns the volume on" and you can start to hear the birds chirp, he said.

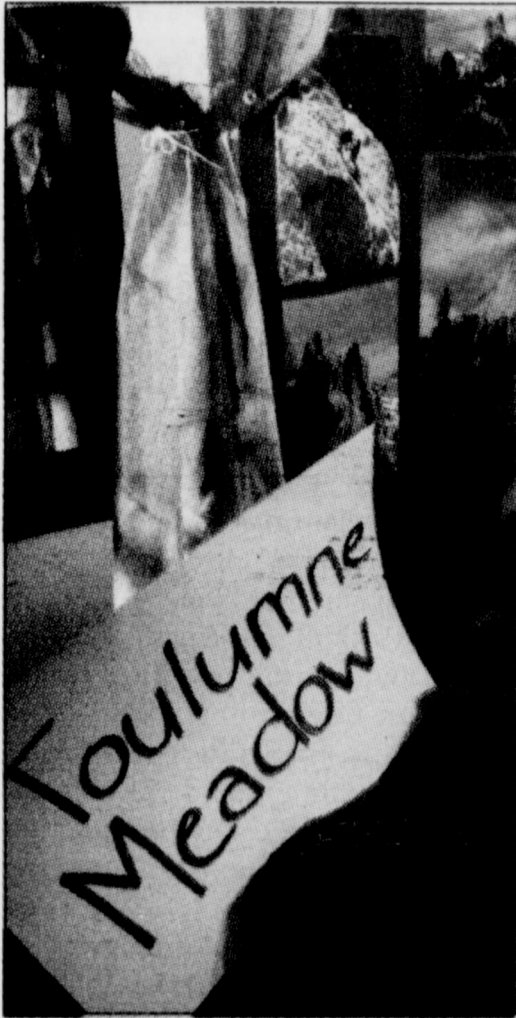
Kornblatt's favorite journey over the past two years was the trip he took to Mt. Sill in the Palisade Crest over Memorial Day weekend. In late May, the landscape at 14,000 feet is still covered in snow.

A guest book at the event allows students to leave their comments. One student thanked Kornblatt for sharing his experiences and commented that the photos truly were "epic."

"Enjoying nature with this sense of awe contributes to my quality of life," Kornblatt said. "Each one of us is connected to the natural world, even in the largest of cities."

The display also encourages its patrons to get outdoors and see those landscapes for themselves. A table at the exhibit features information on Pear Lake, Mt. Sill, Charlotte Dome, and Cathedral Peak, where some of the photos were taken.

"Epic" will remain on display in the UU until Jan. 31. Call the Epicenter at 756-5807 or visit www.asi.calpoly.edu.



PATRICK TRAUTFIELD MUSTANG DAILY

Artist Chris Kornblatt discusses his work with fellow students at the UU Epicenter photography exhibit "Epic." The exhibit runs daily from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. until Jan. 31 and features shots of the great outdoors.

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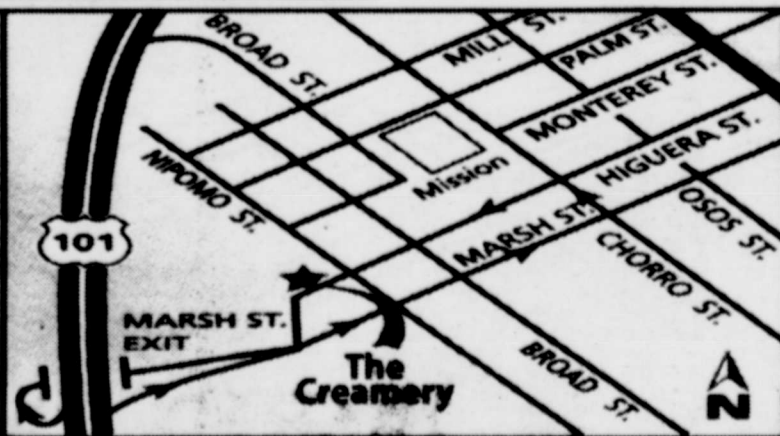
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DJ Culture: Papa's Got A Brand New Bag

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Ice cubes tinkle inside half-consumed cocktail glasses; cigarette smoke drifts languidly throughout the spacious nightclub. The well dressed men and women talk, smoke, drink and wait — in anticipation. The mingled conversation travels through the room with an undertone like an electric current.

They are waiting for the show to start. The rumor is that he is pretty good at what he does. The much anticipated DJ walks into the booth; slips on the headphones. The atmosphere electrifies another notch. He previews the first dance track; he smiles. The tension mounts as the first beats pound through the speakers. The room crackles with excitement as the second wave of beats washes over the crowd. The house lights slowly fade; the disco lights pulsate on the dance floor. The third set begins; they were right. Oh, yes, he is good. The fourth set of beats pulses; he has them now. The tension breaks; they flock to the dance floor. He is very good indeed. Tonight, the DJ will rock the house.

There are three different formats that can be classified and attributed to different DJs when they are working. Each format depends on the style and taste of the DJ, and how they were trained in their craft.

The current question facing most DJs today is this: How do I keep up with current technology while remaining true to my position?

The three formats are vinyl (record albums), digital (CDs), and computerization (programs). Each format will be discussed, focusing on their usage by different DJs in the industry, and the ways that those DJs

see the future with regard to new technologies in the business.

The first, and pretty much the original, format that some DJs still prefer working with are record albums. When a DJ works with records albums, it is referred to in the industry as 'spinning vinyl.' There are many DJs in the industry that prefer to remain loyal to what is often referred to as the 'old school' way of doing things. This means that those

DJs have a preference for using their turntables to spin their records, while trying to avoid technology as

Glenn O'Hagen, the owner of Green Edge Media Group, headquartered in Los Osos, is active in a current merger with a karaoke company called Karaoke Zone. O'Hagen said the merging of the two companies will blend the usage of three convergent sources.

"We have actually integrated all of the technologies; music, video and karaoke. This is nothing short of a windfall, when it comes to saving money for the clients and the owners," said O'Hagen.

Now here is the crux of the DJ dilemma: The DJ who spins "fat beats" while working with a vinyl format; he has spun his last record. Vinyl records today, while a rare but respected art form among the DJ community, are obsolete enough to be considered the proverbial dinosaur. The DJ who mixes his beats by using an all CD format; he has pitch controlled his way right off the dance floor with that final dance mix. Cassette tapes

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long as they are able to.

DJ Chad Fischer, an art design senior, hosts a Monday night hip-hop show titled "Table Manners" on KCPR. He remains loyal to his roots by collecting all his music on vinyl, including 12-inch maxies and 45's, as well as LP's. Fischer estimates his vinyl collection at 19 milk crates full of records or 760 albums. (One milk crate can hold approximately 40 records.)

A vinyl loyalist at heart, Fischer also believes that when it comes to the integration of new technology, there really is no getting around it.

"I think that vinyl will always be a staple or backbone of the DJ culture, but especially with technology these days, the lines are getting a little blurred."

are plainly and simply an archaic joke. DJs don't even bother to insert the topic into any decent and civilized form of conversation. That leaves the DJ who utilizes the all computerized format.

DJ Sean Holland, with Green Edge Media Group, utilizes purely computer-based technology. "We run Winamp and Windows Media Player," he said. "We do all video and MP3 based technology, so everything is computer based."

"It's all pretty much automated, so it's basically just point and click. We've got it to the point where really anyone can do it."

As for the future of DJ's and technology, Holland said that of the two, he thinks only one will survive the battle.

"The way that things are going right now, inevitably we won't even require a DJ. There's no need to put someone in the booth. There's no need to regulate the sound. Everything will be A.I. (Artificial Intelligence) based," Holland said.

Patrick Liesch is a DJ who primarily uses CDs when he works. However, he believes in alternate technology in terms of convergence. He advocates advertising his business through the popular Internet site MySpace.

"It's the most popular way to get your information out there. If I want to throw a party, I put it on the MySpace page. If I want my company to throw a party, then that's where it'll go too," Liesch said.

Liesch is transitioning from his current CD based business to all

Indie favorites The Shins show range in newest album 'Wincing the Night Away'

Taleen Kalenderian
DAILY BRUIN (UCLA)

More than two years since Natalie Portman insisted that The Shins would change your life, "Wincing the Night Away," the band's third full-length album, is finally nearing its long-awaited release date.

What many forget to consider, however, is a little detail of release dates. "Chutes Too Narrow," The Shins' sophomore album, was released prior to "Garden State," the film that made the two life-changing songs from the first album famous, pushing the band to the forefront of indie sub-stardom.

That The Shins' new material took a backseat for a time may be why "Wincing the Night Away" is the product of an unassuming band having some sorting out to do.

The opening song, "Sleeping Lessons," is an open canvas erected as one of the album's memorable bookends, building slowly off a swaying Zombies feel and flourishing into a space of pop-laden exuberance. "A Comet Appears" gently lulls the album to a twangy, twinkling finish, courtesy of a harmonium.

But that's no testament to track-by-track cohesion. The meat of the album is composed of nostalgic Shins numbers arranged carefully in a blender with songs trying to take on a new direction.

The result is one which confesses an investment in safety for the

larger part of the record. With songs such as "Split Needles" and "Girl Sailor" sounding too afraid for departure (wincing, if you will), a number like "Sea Legs," Morrissey timbre and hip-hop beat alike, seems a shocking arrival.

This doesn't make the album anything short of charming, however.

For instance, the band provides a quiet homage to the shorter songs from albums of old with the spooky minute-long strums and flutters of "Pam Berry."

Tracks such as "Turn On Me" (akin to "Gone for Good" from "Chutes") and "Red Rabbits" are catchy, vintage Shins, insistent on enjoyment.

"Phantom Limb" is the shimmering single of "Wincing." It holds the album's shaky balance together and introduces front man James Mercer's more clever vocal twists, ornamenting the hi-fi production and developed textures that time afforded the band.

Whether "Garden State"-bred fans are already busy changing their lives with their umpteenth listen (the album did leak on the Internet well ahead of 2007), "Wincing the Night Away" is no magnum opus.

It is at once part struggle with new material and part good ol' Shins fun which yields, incidentally, a delicate handful of beautiful numbers — and enough reason for Hollywood to keep up with their pace this time around.



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The Shins first made their way into pop culture history on 2004's "Garden State" soundtrack. Their newest creation, "Wincing the Night Away" is a combination of guitars and percussion.

computer based technology. He talked about the difference using the computer program made in one working night.

"Going digital made it to where I didn't have to drag around the two or three-hundred CDs up and down the stairs of the clubs. Now that we're digital, on an external hard drive, I can carry everything in my back pocket basically," said Liesch.

In the current world of constantly changing technology, as well as the rapidly expanding trend toward convergence, many DJ's no longer perform just one function.

Liesch spoke about what the future holds for DJ's, and where the industry is headed — in terms of

multi-tasking and media convergence.

"I think where it's heading you'll be able to digitally mix DVD's, videos, play 'em in the clubs on TV screens," said Liesch.

"DJ's have now turned into VJ's doing video mixing," he said.

Offering a final thought, Liesch said that, overall, it is not just about the industry being an aural medium. Today, as well as for the future, DJ's will continue to incorporate the visual element also, he said making it a more complete package.

"It's just as much visual as it is music now. It's all about the show. I think that's where we're going with it."

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POLITICAL COLUMNS

Soldier drug use increases

By now, everyone knows about the "surge" into Iraq. However, I will spare you from having to read another editorial about this decision. Instead, I want to focus on a growing trend in Iraq, which no one is talking about: the increase in drug use by U.S. soldiers to cope with stress.

In the president's remarks last week, he basically conceded that for the past four years in Iraq, we have been asking our soldiers to do more with less. Sadly, this wasn't the first time this administration said something along those lines, as Rumsfeld once told the troops "You go to war with the army you have, not the one you want." As a result of this stubbornness and warped perception of efficiency, the strain and stress on our soldiers has been staggering.

Just how hard has the government been stressing our soldiers in Iraq? According to Foreign Policy in Focus, the average tour of duty for a soldier in Iraq has been 300 days. During the first Persian Gulf War, the average tour of duty was only 156 days! Furthermore, the very reliable Government Accountability Office (GAO) has estimated that since 2003, there has been an average of 2,500 attacks on U.S. soldiers every month, that's 83 attacks per day, for four years! Because of this overwhelming fatigue and fear, it is not surprising to learn that more and more soldiers are turning to drugs to escape from their surroundings.

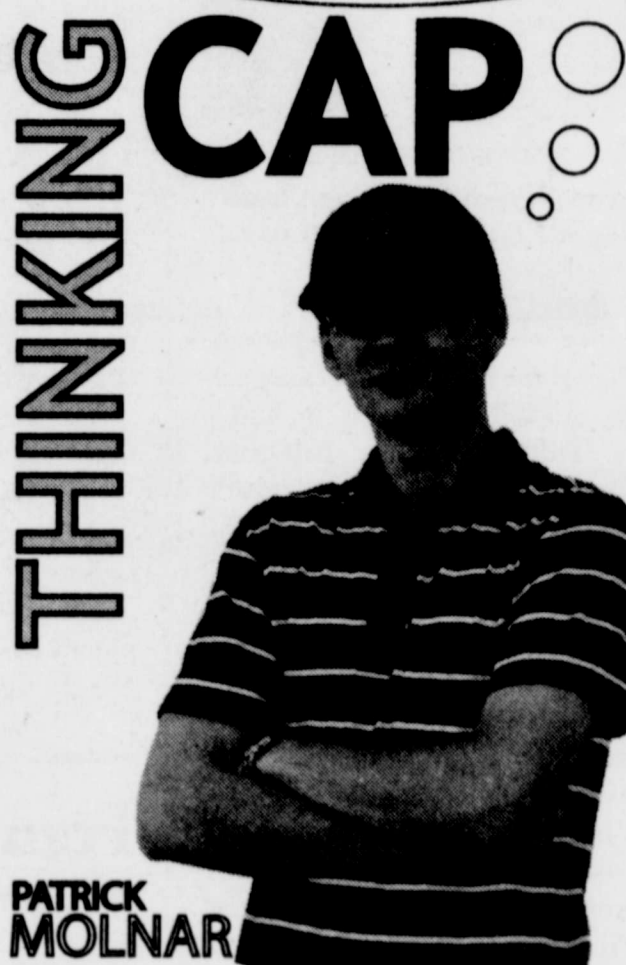
So how many of our soldiers are using drugs in Iraq? Reliable statistics on soldiers using drugs are hard to come by, but the Pentagon estimates that between 3,000 to 8,000 soldiers in Iraq have used marijuana, cocaine, heroin or amphetamines. While these estimated rates are nowhere near as bad as Vietnam, where TV footage of soldiers getting high became a common image, many argue that the Pentagon overlooks the abuse of alcohol and prescription drugs.

Teri Weaver of Stars and

Stripes says that alcohol abuse is common throughout the forces deployed in Iraq, since soldiers are only truly punished if they are found to be under the influence before being sent out on missions. Furthermore, according to Terry Allen, reporter for In These Times, soldiers are often being given a multitude of anti-

depress-

Is it just me, or do these two photos look really similar?



sants, sleep medications, and drugs for posttraumatic stress disorders. Allen notes that many soldiers are given so much Valium that they reportedly have no emotions when they are in the field; however, these same soldiers are not considered in the Pentagon's estimates.

Clearly there will always be times when soldiers use drugs to deal with the stresses of war, but Iraq is certainly not one of those times. This growing drug trend is man-made, since it was our government's poor planning that put our troops in the difficult position they find themselves in today. I still marvel at the fact that our government consistently expects our soldiers to overachieve in Iraq without the necessary troop strength to do so, yet the drug problem among the troops is still moderate. Maybe it's indicative of the fact that the discipline and strength of our many soldiers can never be destroyed by the incompetence and recklessness of a few politicians.

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Affirmative action harmful

As college students, we have had a long history of filling little boxes in on tests. I remember that every year through grade school, high school, and college, I was most confused about the ethnicity box. See, I'm exactly half Asian-American and half European-American, and unfortunately, no such box exists for this particular mix. As a kid, I would select "other" if they had that option, sometimes I would fill in two boxes if they let me, and other times I would choose White or Asian depending how I felt at that particular moment. Over time the boxes have changed, and we now can decline to state (my favorite option), select two or more boxes or select from the addition of more races (i.e. Pacific Islander, Central European Asian, Native American Eskimo, Antarctic, Sub-Saharan-Non European Colonist Native Immigrant, etc.) or multi-racial. A multi-racial box is a cop-out, because

aren't most of us multi-racial, at least to some extent; I mean most people have at least .001 percent of something else.

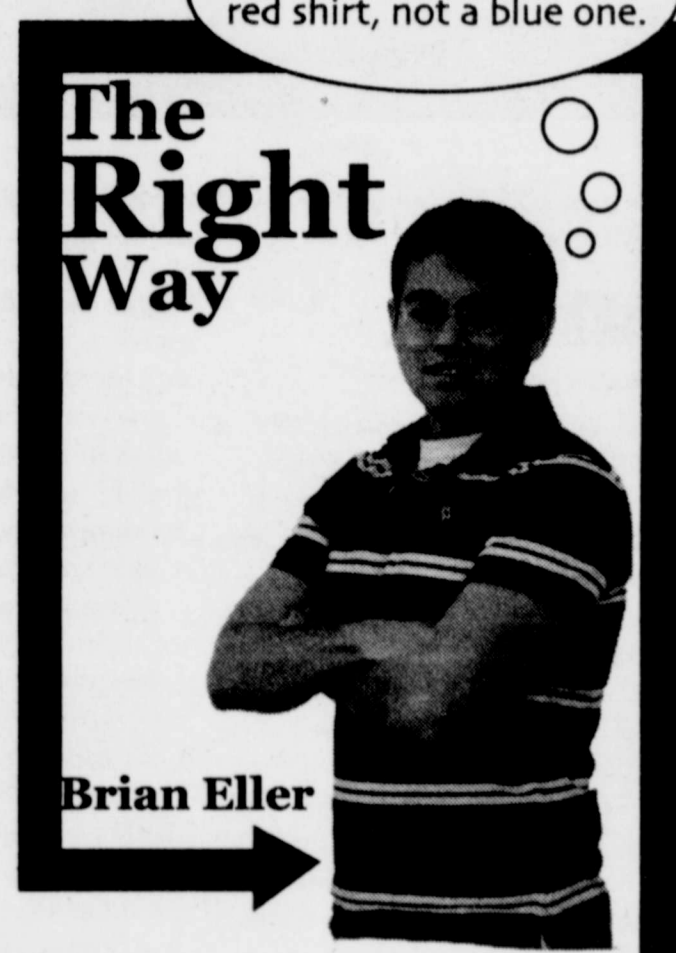
My point is, these boxes shouldn't matter at all, so why even ask? Unfortunately, these boxes still matter, especially when applying for internships and post-graduate programs, and are part of a wider range of affirmative action programs.

Affirmative action programs (programs that benefit certain races over others) cause harm not only to the racial groups penalized because of it, but hurt those who benefit even more. Let me give an example: during the Week of Welcome (2004), I remember a meeting in the PAC about diversity. During this meeting, people were allowed to go toward the microphone and say whatever they felt. I remember one young black woman go up and talk about how she felt that one should not assume that she got into Cal Poly because she was black, but rather because she actually had high SAT scores and a strong grade point average. I don't know if people think that when they see her, but without affirmative action, this would be impossible.

Of course, under Proposition 209, affirmative action policies in California are supposed to have been eliminated (with some minor exceptions). In fact, since imple-

menting Proposition 209, graduation rates have increased for blacks. At UCSD, four-year graduation rates for blacks climbed from 26 percent to 52 percent after implementing Proposition 209. However, those who wish to overturn Proposition 209 contend that enrollment has suffered and that despite the increases graduation rate, this should justify reversing Proposition 209. However, with this

No Patrick, I'm wearing a red shirt, not a blue one.



logic, shouldn't it also be a problem that more than 75 percent of NBA players are black? Is it not a problem that nearly all the running backs in the NFL are black? Where is the outrage? Why don't we have more Asian-American running backs? Of course, it shouldn't be wrong that an NBA team picks the best players, or that NFL coaches select the best running backs. In the same light, colleges should be picking the best candidates based on merit and talent, not race.

By eliminating affirmative action programs, it increases the incentive for all races to succeed. For instance, those races who are penalized by affirmative action can't use the excuse that because a lesser qualified minority was given an advantage.

Similarly, the attitude of needing benefits to succeed (an insult to many of those in minority groups who have succeeded based on their own merit) would be eliminated.

As most of you know, this last Monday was the 20th anniversary of Martin Luther King Day. At the center of Dr. Martin Luther King's dream was the equal treatment of all races. This is a noble goal, one that we should all strive for.

Brian Eller is a civil engineering junior and Mustang Daily political columnist.

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Shown in a 71-59 home win over San Jose State on Nov. 20, Cal Poly senior forward Jessica Eggleston leads the Mustangs in both points (13.1) and rebounds (7.8) per game. She also averages 2.6 assists and 2.0 steals.

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Eggleston, whom Mimnaugh tabbed as a WNBA prospect before the season, is putting up team highs of 13.1 points and 7.8 rebounds along with 2.6 assists and 2.0 steals per game.

Eggleston said that the team playing its next four games at home — three of which in conference — could be a boost. Cal Poly is 1-7 on the road this season.

"We had a monkey on our back being on the road," Eggleston said. "At home we always play a little better, so I'm definitely looking forward to it."

Eggleston called the rash of injuries the Mustangs are experiencing "pretty tough."

"We're getting pretty thin at point guard," she said. "It's a team effort.

We've all had to pitch in and help out."

One of the players helping out is Eggleston, who had a team-high four assists in a 78-64 loss at UC Davis on Jan. 11 and dropped a team-leading six dimes in a 64-49 loss at Cal State Fullerton on Dec. 28.

"Jessica Eggleston is a great player," Mimnaugh said. "She's had to do a lot more distributing, which isn't necessarily her strength. She's still one of our top assist people on the team, but at the same time, I'd love to see her on the receiving end of a lot of those passes. If she were in that position, then you'd see somebody who's averaging 20 points a game instead of 13 points a game. She's just having to do so much for us right now."

Eggleston, who averages 32.4 minutes per game, said the area Cal Poly is most trying to shore up is its

zone defense.

"Since we lost a lot of quickness," she said of the injuries, "we can't really play our full-court press the whole game. Tidying up our half-court defense, our zone defense, decreasing turnovers. Just being more careful with the ball."

Cal Poly will have a chance to show improvement in those areas when it hosts rival UC Santa Barbara (9-8, 3-1 Big West) at 4 p.m. Saturday.

"Watching film, the little bit that we have, they're pretty good," Eggleston said of the Gauchos. "They're intense on defense and they're very physical. They're second in conference right now, so they're obviously doing something well."

Mimnaugh added: "We have to do an awesome job rebounding the basketball. We'll try to mix things up between our man and our zone."

Poly baseball team to host alumni game Saturday

The 1 p.m. game will feature players mostly from the 2001-06 seasons, including Garrett Olson, Jimmy Shull, Jimmy Van Ostrand, Jimmy Gardiner and many others.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly will host an alumni squad for a baseball game Saturday at 1 p.m. in Baggett Stadium.

Most of the alumni scheduled to play are from the 2001-06 seasons, including pitchers Garrett Olson, Jimmy Shull, Gary Daley Jr., Rocky Roquet, Dennis LeDuc, Casey Fien and Bud Norris.

Other players who have indicated

COMING THURSDAY

A preview of baseball season for Cal Poly, which is coming off a 29-27 campaign in 2006.

they will play include Jimmy Van Ostrand, Kyle Blumenthal, Gilbert Gil, Chalon Tietje, Steve Pettit, Sean Alexander, Sam Herbert, Brandon Roberts, Jonathan Woodcox, Drew Gillmore, Tyler LaSalle and Jimmy Gardiner.

Cal Poly officially opens its 2007 season Jan. 26-28 with a three-game series at the University of San Diego. The Mustangs' first home series will be Feb. 2-4 against San Diego State, coached by Hall of Famer Tony Gwynn.

Mustang women's tennis wraps up Cal Winter Invitational

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

The Cal Poly women's tennis team finished play Sunday at the Cal Winter Invitational.

The Mustangs picked up big wins from freshmen Brittany Blalock and Steffi Wong in singles action against St. Mary's. Maria Malec also turned in a stellar performance.

Blalock defeated the Gaels' Jessica Hoath by a score of 6-0, 6-4 in the No. 2 singles position.

Wong, the Markham, Ontario native, defeated Holland native Femke Strybis, 6-2, 6-4 in the No. 3 spot.

Cal Poly sophomore Malec played an exceptional three-and-a-half-hour match in a losing effort to Stef Ordoveza of the Gaels by a score of 6-4, 2-6, 7-5. It was Malec's second match over the weekend that went to tiebreakers.

The Mustangs have a dual with Pepperdine in Malibu on Saturday.

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in the second half. Bob instead chose to focus his attention on the glass and in the passing lanes.

The Aggies had 15 offensive rebounds, mostly due to a concerted second-half effort, and forced Bob into 21 turnovers (again, most of them coming in the second half).

Cal Poly limped away with a 72-68 win despite Bob's second-half appearance, but it was yet another grim reminder that the team's yin-yang nature is a major issue.

Before the season began, I picked

Cal Poly to win the Big West and earn a trip to the NCAA Tournament. That prediction seems far away from reality now that the Mustangs are 1-3 in conference play, but they can start the climb to the top with a win at Central Coast rival UC Santa Barbara on Saturday.

With 10 games remaining on the conference schedule, Cal Poly may need to win out to capture the regular-season title and give credence to the prediction.

But what about Bob?

Bob is the only thing standing between Cal Poly dominance and a broken season.



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Lofton interviews with Raiders for head coach

The Hall of Fame wide receiver is currently coaching that position in San Diego.

Josh Dubow
ASSOCIATED PRESS

San Diego Chargers wide receivers coach James Lofton interviewed Tuesday for a second straight year for the Oakland Raiders head coaching vacancy.

Lofton, a Hall of Fame receiver, met Tuesday with Oakland owner Al Davis and other team executives to

discuss replacing the fired Art Shell as coach. Lofton was one of the candidates last year when Shell was hired to replace Norv Turner.

Lofton is the first minority candidate to interview for the job, a requirement under the so-called "Rooney Rule" before a team can hire a coach.

Southern California quarterbacks coach Steve Sarkisian, Raiders defensive coordinator Rob Ryan, and former New York Giants coach Jim Fassel interviewed last week for the job.

Lofton, a finalist for the head coaching job at Stanford that went to Jim Harbaugh last month, just finished his fifth season as an assistant with San Diego, but has no head coaching experience.

After starring in college at Stanford, Lofton was a first-round pick by Green Bay in 1978. During his 16-year career, he also played for the Raiders, Buffalo, the Rams and Philadelphia. He finished his career with 764 catches for 14,004 yards and scored 75 touchdowns and played in three Super Bowls with Buffalo.

Poly's Day second in high jump at Dempsey Indoor Preview meet

Cal Poly senior Sharon Day cleared 5 feet, 8 inches in her signature event.

SPORTS INFORMATION REPORT

Cal Poly's Sharon Day and Danielle Ayers-Stamper competed at the Dempsey Indoor Preview hosted by the University of Washington on Saturday.

Ayers-Stamper had a great start to her season placing fourth in the 60-meter hurdles with a time of 9.17 seconds. She tied for fifth in

the high jump, clearing 5 feet, 4.25 inches and came in 13th in the shot put, throwing a distance of 9.66 meters.

Day also showed well coming second place in the high jump, clearing the height of 5-8. She and Portland State's Ashley Quay were forced into a jump-off when they tied for first place at a height of 5-8. Quay won the jump-off clearing 5-8.75.

Cal Poly women's indoor track will next compete at the University of New Mexico Invitational from Jan. 26-27.

The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

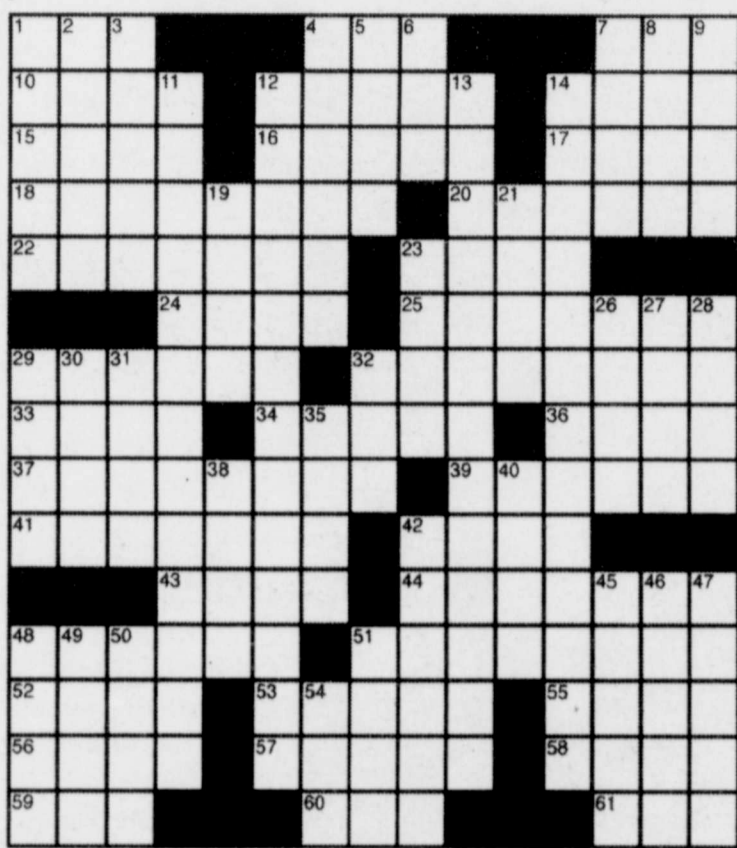
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DOWN

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have the second-best record in the Eastern Conference and are the first team since the early 1990s to advance to four straight conference championships. But they appear to need some help.

"I honestly feel like he can energize us and add an element the same way Rasheed did a few years ago," Pistons president of basketball operations Joe Dumars said. "I'm hoping the results will be the same."

"What we were missing, Rasheed brought. What we're missing right now, I think he can bring that. We don't need a high-flying guy, who's

just trying to get 20 points every night."

Detroit coach Flip Saunders said Webber would play as a reserve Wednesday against Utah.

Webber, who grew up in Detroit and played at Michigan, became a free agent after Philadelphia bought out the final 1 1/2 years of his contract last week.

The five-time All-Star agreed to give the 76ers \$2 million this season and \$2 million next season when he was due to make about \$43 million over the two years. Sacramento gave him a \$123 million, seven-year contract in the summer of 2001.

Webber strongly considered joining the Miami Heat or the Los Angeles Lakers, but he couldn't pass up the chance to play in Detroit. He will start at center for a contending team at home, where he can improve his image with disgruntled fans.

After announcing Monday he would join the Pistons, Webber watched them play Minnesota in a front-row seat at The Palace. He was greeted by a rousing, standing ovation.

It was a much warmer welcome than Webber had received previously because of his involvement with deceased Michigan booster Ed Martin that led to NCAA sanctions.

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Poly women's hoops squad battles injuries

The Mustangs have been forced to play five freshmen at the same time during a 5-11 season.

Tristan Aird
MUSTANG DAILY

The Cal Poly women's basketball team is in the middle of a nine-day break in between games and a 14-day gap in between Big West Conference contests.

It couldn't come at a better time. Injuries keep mounting for the Mustangs (5-11, 1-3 Big West), who have lost eight of nine following a 4-3 start that included wins over Oregon State and two West Coast Conference teams.

Already without its starting backcourt because of respective injuries, Cal Poly could now be playing for an extended period of time without one of its most versatile players — sophomore forward Megan Harrison. She averaged 8.1 points, 3.8 rebounds and 1.1 steals per outing in the 15 games she played so far this season.

"Megan Harrison got injured in practice, we need to see if she's done for the season as well," Cal Poly head coach Faith Mimnaugh said Monday at a weekly press conference. "We've taken a pretty big beating as far as (injuries). My spirits are in a place where we're going to try to take the physical losses we've had and turn them into positives."

Already out for the season are four-year starting point guard Sparkle Anderson (ACL) and starting junior shooting guard Toni Newman (leg stress fracture). The two combined for 16.6 points, 8.6 rebounds, 1.6 assists and 2.7 steals per game before their seasons ended prematurely.

"It's been a constantly evolving team," Mimnaugh said. "Different aspects have been altered because of our changing personnel, which seems to be constant. When we have to convert two guards into point guards, then we've got people that are standing around waiting for the outlet when they should be running. Having Sparkle out of the lineup has been a big blow."

A promising crop of six freshmen — sometimes five on the floor at a time — have helped keep the Mustangs afloat for the time being. Among the freshmen seeing an increase in minutes are power forward Bria Fields (9.5 ppg, 5.9 rpg, 1.1 blocks per game) and shooting guard Tamara Wells (3.1 ppg).

"They're doing an incredible job," Mimnaugh said of her freshmen. "We had a game where we're high in turnovers and it was our freshmen who had the least number of turnovers. I'm really excited about their development. They're not afraid to have the ball stolen from them, which is a big change from where they were two months ago, when they were a little tentative."

There is nothing tentative about the way senior forward Jessica Eggleston — a preseason all-conference pick — has been playing.

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Mustangs go to .500 with 74-65 win over Sac State at home



NICK CAMACHO MUSTANG DAILY

Left, Cal Poly senior wing Derek Stockalper (25) looks for the entry pass against Sacramento State sophomore guard Loren Leath on Tuesday night in Mott Gym.

Below, Cal Poly sophomore point guard Chaz Thomas (10) handles the ball under defensive pressure from Sacramento State senior guard Haron Hargrave. The Mustangs won the nonconference game 74-65 in Mott Gym to improve to 8-8 overall. Stockalper and senior power forward Tyler McGinn led Cal Poly with 17 points apiece. For a full recap of Tuesday night's game, see Thursday's Mustang Daily.



Webber signs with Pistons for minimum

Chris Webber has returned home, where he starred for Michigan's famed "Fab Five" team in the early 1990s.

Larry Lage
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Detroit Pistons hope Chris Webber can do for them what Rasheed Wallace did in 2004, come

on board midseason and spark a run to an NBA championship.

Webber does, too, because winning a title would fill the biggest void on his resume.

"I'm excited to be home in Detroit, but I'm more excited about being on this team," Webber said Tuesday after signing with his hometown team. "If this was not a good team, it would not be that

much fun.

"This team was already great before I got here, so in no way am I acting like I'm doing this team a big service. I'm part of a great machine."

Webber will make about \$650,000 with a prorated contract for the veteran's minimum to play the rest of the season. The Pistons

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Frankly Speaking



What about Bob?

Frank Stranzl
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

I briskly made my way across campus after class let out last Thursday night.

It wasn't the cold that had me in a hurry, though.

It was game night, and I was intent on sitting down in Mott Gym before the halftime buzzer sounded.

The scoreboard showed a predictable 14-point Cal Poly lead against UC Davis. I didn't expect the Aggies to put up much of a fight, especially being that they're not officially a Division I team until next season after their transition process from Division II is complete.

"Did I miss anything big?" I asked my buddy Terrance, who was saving a seat for me.

"Nah, not much. A dunk by Dreshawn (Vance) and that's about it. Davis' offense is pretty much no bueno."

The synopsis delivered by Terrance gave me hope that Cal Poly would run away with the game.

Enter Cal Poly's evil twin — for the sake of a name, we'll call him Bob.

Bob doesn't score too many points and tends to get torched defensively, sometimes for 50 points in a half. Bob builds brick houses from the free-throw line and gets pounded on the boards.

Bob is Cal Poly's alter ego. Bob is why Cal Poly is 7-8 instead of 10-5.

Sometimes Bob stays dormant for the first half and wakes up just in time to toy with the Mustangs in the second half. Sometimes he wreaks havoc for the entire game.

For example, week one, game one: Cal Poly 41, Southeastern Louisiana 23. Then, along came Bob. Final score: Southeastern Louisiana 76, Cal Poly 69.

On Dec. 3, Bob was on the court for the full 40 minutes. San Jose State won its first game of the season 80-63. To date, the Spartans are 2-14.

Bob has also made appearances against Long Beach State and, most recently, UC Davis.

Cal Poly isn't a bad basketball team. They're certainly better than a 7-8 record. However, Bob is a very bad basketball team and Bob is preventing the Mustangs from making a run at the Big West Conference title.

On that frigid Thursday night, Cal Poly failed to put away a mediocre, at best, opponent in UC Davis. The Mustangs didn't shoot poorly — 52.6 percent from the floor and 4 for 8 from 3-point range

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